

D&CP – OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Resource Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Appropriations	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Request	Increase / Decrease
Funds	3,217	5,535	10,221	4,686

Mission

The Office of International Conferences (OIC) manages U.S. participation in international conferences through the official accreditation of U.S. delegations to multilateral meetings. OIC funds are used to finance the participation of the Department of State in multilateral conferences. Costs include delegate travel and per diem; administrative costs associated with the Department's component of U.S. delegations; and costs of conferences hosted by the United States. The objective of the office is to ensure that the United States is represented by delegations that can best attain U.S. policy objectives through these vital diplomatic activities.

OIC supports the Department's participation in approximately 400 meetings annually, sponsored by organizations within and outside the UN framework on a wide range of global issues of importance to the United States. Meetings deal with such important issues as economic, trade, and development matters; energy; technology and environmental controls; security, disarmament, and nuclear-related issues; air and maritime safety; counterterrorism; human rights; narcotics and crime; health; natural resources; vehicle safety standards; telecommunications; and law. The United States also continues to promote and protect U.S. hemispheric interests through participation in meetings of the Organization of American States (OAS) and related organizations. The United States accomplishes similar goals reflecting key U.S. regional relationships through participation in meetings of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the UN regional commissions, and the signatories of the Antarctic Treaty.

Active participation in these conferences is important. Otherwise, the United States risks losing its voice and influence in promoting and protecting key U.S. interests as policies are adopted, reform measures are considered, and directions and priorities of activities are decided in a variety of multilateral international organizations in which the United States has membership.

Priorities

OIC conducts regularly scheduled conferences involving substantial U.S. Government participation. These include the United Nations General Assembly and regular meetings of the UN subsidiary bodies and specialized agencies. These in turn include the Economic and Social Council and its commissions, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Labor Organization, and the International Telecommunications Union. The United States also participates as a member in the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization meetings.

In addition to support for regularly scheduled conferences, OIC has addressed requirements associated with new meetings or special initiatives reflecting high priority administration interests, such as the OAS Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, the first two meetings of the G-8 Forum for the Future, and the Organization of American States General Assembly.

Justification of Program Change

APEC 2011

OIC requests \$4,636,000 for support of APEC 2011. OIC is tasked with planning the series of some 40 APEC conferences that will be held in the United States in 2011. The planning will involve hiring contractors and setting up an operation to select hotels and conference sites, making deposits to hold reservations, training the staff at venues, acquiring computers and office equipment, travel, printing, setting up a website and reserving thousands of hotel rooms. APEC policy is directed by EAP, with IO/C handling administrative arrangements, including the budget.

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FY 2010 Request Resource Summary

	Positions				Funds (\$ in thousands)		
	American Domestic	Overseas	FSN	Pos Total	Bureau Managed	American Salaries	Funds Total
FY 2008 Actual	0	0	0	0	3,217	0	3,217
FY 2009 Estimate	0	0	0	0	5,535	0	5,535
FY 2010 Built-in Changes							
Annualization of FY 2009							
American COLA	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Domestic Inflation	0	0	0	0	21	0	21
FY 2010 American Cost of Living Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	21	21
Total Built-in Changes	0	0	0	0	21	29	50
FY 2010 Current Services	0	0	0	0	5,556	29	5,585
FY 2010 Program Changes							
APEC 2011	0	0	0	0	4,636	0	4,636
Total Program Changes	0	0	0	0	4,636	0	4,636
FY 2010 Request	0	0	0	0	10,192	29	10,221

Funds by Program Activity (\$ in thousands)

Office of International Conferences	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Request	Increase / Decrease
Domestic Administrative Support	3,217	5,535	10,221	4,686
Total	3,217	5,535	10,221	4,686

FY 2010 Request Program Activities

Office of International Conferences	Positions				Funds (\$ in thousands)		
	American Domestic	Overseas	FSN	Pos Total	Bureau Managed	American Salaries	Funds Total
Domestic Administrative Support	0	0	0	0	10,192	29	10,221
Total	0	0	0	0	10,192	29	10,221

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Funds by Object Class

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Office of International Conferences	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Request	Increase / Decrease
1100 Personnel Compensation	0	0	876	876
1200 Personnel Benefits	0	0	75	75
2100 Travel & Trans of Persons	3,217	5,535	3,875	(1,660)
2300 Rents, Comm & Utilities	0	0	500	500
2500 Other Services	0	0	1,514	1,514
2600 Supplies and Materials	0	0	350	350
9000 Other	0	0	3,031	3,031
Total	3,217	5,535	10,221	4,686